



"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

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November meetings

City Commission, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board, Nov. 4 & 18 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, Nov. 14 & 26 at 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

City Planning & Zoning, Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

State of the Cities, Nov. 13

Mayor Tim Helbling will present 2019 progress to date and plans for 2020 at the Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC's State of the Cities breakfast on Nov. 13 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Bismarck. To register call 223-5660.

Haunted Fort in October

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park's Haunted Fort operates Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in October. The Kids Bash is on Oct. 20 from noon to 4 p.m.

Two new events are planned this year. Family Scare Night, a less spooky event for the whole family, will take place Oct. 5, and Darkness Unleashed, an extreme no-lights experience, will be held Nov. 2. Learn more at hauntedfort.com or call 701-667-6340.

Utility billing changes occurring in November

National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC) will be providing utility billing services for the City of Mandan beginning in November. The City's utility bill covers water, stormwater and sanitary sewer, solid waste disposal, street light services, and household garbage and recycling collection.

Notable changes include:

- Billing statements will have an updated appearance.
- Account numbers will change. However, new account numbers will not be available prior to the first billing in mid-November. All residents who participate in bill pay through their banking institution will need to update their utility bill account number at that time.
- Starting in November there will only be one billing cycle. All bills will be mailed around the 10th of every month, and automatic payments will be deducted from the resident's bank account on the same day the bill is due, 15 days after the effective billing date. All due dates will be noted on your billing statement.
- The billing cycle will be from the first of each month to the first of the following month. For example, December statements will reflect service dates of Nov. 1 - Dec. 1.
- Residents will have the option of setting up a recurring credit card payment in *SmartHub*.
- Residents will be able to monitor statements closely and view usage statistics.

The services will be provided in Mandan through NISC, but utility bills will be mailed from NISC's St. Louis location.

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Highway 1806 N, other roadway projects pushed back

Earlier this summer, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) advised the City Engineering department of major roadway projects it is delaying due to lack of funding.

Highway 1806 North. The reconstruction of Highway 1806 North, including the Mandan Avenue interchange to Old Red trail and Collins Avenue up to 27th Street NW, originally planned for 2020 construction, has been pushed back to 2021. City Engineer Justin Froseth reports the design effort is continuing to near bid-ready plans, but the project won't be put out for bid until later next year.

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Spectators welcome at Nov. 12 Business Pitch Challenge

The public is invited to attend Mandan's second annual Business Pitch Challenge on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at the

Baymont Inn, 2611 Old Red Trail NW.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. and contestant presentations will begin at 5:30 p.m. A networking social will wrap-up the evening. Finalists will compete for a \$750 cash prize, the chance to be eligible for a \$10,000 forgivable loan from the Mandan Growth Fund and a host of other prizes to aid in starting their business.



The Mandan Tomorrow – Economic Opportunity & Prosperity committee is hosting the event with help from the City of Mandan Business Development Office, Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC and the IDEA Center. Attendees are asked to register for this free event by Nov. 8 at www.cityofmandan.com/register or by calling 667-3478.

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Residents will have the option to switch to electronic bills, or eBills, that can be viewed and paid online. There is a direct savings for the City of Mandan if residents switch to eBills, as there is a charge for printing, envelopes, and postage for paper bills. Online bill payment and eBills eliminates the need for residents to drop off or mail bills and help reduce solid waste in landfills.

The new service includes access to an easy-to-use online and mobile billing and payment tool, *SmartHub*, where customers can easily manage their accounts, pay bills and more. An upcoming feature will allow residents to monitor usage on a daily basis. A variety of bill payment options, including one-time, automatic recurring and scheduled payments, along with credit card payments will be accepted starting mid-November.

Additional information will be posted to cityofmandan.com/utilitybilling. Contact the Utility Billing Department at 667-3219 or water@cityofmandan.com with any questions.

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The next phase, likely to occur during the first half of 2020, will be the establishment of the special assessment district and notices to benefiting property owners.

Memorial Highway. Construction of phase one of the reconstruction of Memorial Highway is moving from 2021 to 2022. Other phases will be pushed back as well. Two public input meetings have occurred to date and information can be found at www.dot.nd.gov/projects/memorialhwy.

The intersection of Third Street SE and Bismar Avenue with Memorial Highway now meets traffic warrants for signalization. Installation should occur along with the reconstruction project.

27th Street NW. A project originally planned for 2021 that will widen and urbanize the roadway from Highway 1806 to Eighth Avenue NW is now planned for 2022.

Stay tuned to www.cityofmandan.com for more information as it becomes available.

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